

REMARKS

The indication that claims 22, 25-27, 30-32, and 35-92 have been allowed and that claims 2, 9, and 16 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 2, 9, and 16 has been added to claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively, to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, and 20-21 were rejected as unpatentable over SAUER et al. WO 00/72485 A1 in view of FOWLER 5,793,978; and claims 5, 12, and 19 were rejected further in view of ALLEN Jr. et al. 6,169,735. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment in which claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to include subject matter indicated to be allowable. The applied references do not disclose or suggest discarding the packets that are received in the predetermined time period in excess of the predetermined number.

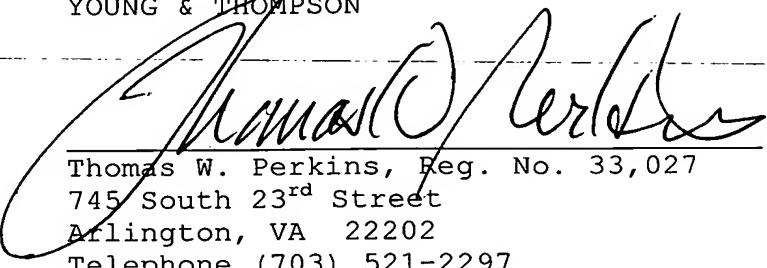
In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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